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SUBJ: GOI DENIES REPORTS OF INDO-PAK BORDER CLASH

1. A MINISTRY OF DEFENSE SPOKESMAN JULY 28 DENIED PRESS REPORTS THAT THERE HAD BEEN CLASHES RECENTLY BETWEEN INDIAN AND PAKISTANI DEFENSE FORCES IN THE POONCH SECTOR OF THE JAMMU REGION, IN WHICH THE INDIAN FORCES HAD CAPTURED ANY PAKISTANI SOLDIER OR COMMANDO, AS ALLEGED. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT WAS TRUE THAT THERE HAD BEEN FIRING FROM THE PAKISTANI SIDE IN THE POONCH SECTOR AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS, BUT THAT THE INDIANS HAD NOT RETRURED THE FIRE AND THAT THE FIRING BY THE PAKISTANIS HAD BEEN INEFFECTIVE. SUCH STRAY FIRING, HE SAID, WAS NOT UNUSUAL. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE A FLAG MEETING OF LOCAL ARMY AUTHORITIES WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO SETTLE THE ISSUE OF INTERMITTENT FIRING FROM THE PAKISTANI SIDE OF THE CONTROL LINE.

2. THE SPOKESMAN'S DENIAL WAS PROMPTED BY PRESS REPORTS, DATELINED SRINIGAR JULY 27, IN THE PRO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONGRESS "NATIONAL HERALD" AND THE PRO-MOSCOW "PATRIOT" WHICH CLAIMED THAT THREE INDIAN AND SEVEN OR EIGHT PAKISTANI PERSONNEL HAD BEEN INJURED IN EXCHANGES OF FIRE IN THE POONCH SECTOR. THE "PATRIOT" SAID THAT THE INJURIES HAD RESULTED FROM EXCHANGES OVER THE PREVIOUS WEEK ACROSS THE LINE OF CONTROL AT LANGOOT. BOTH NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THAT THE PAKISTANIS

BEGAN THE FIRING FOLLOWING INDIAN APPREHENSION OF AN ARMED PAKISTANI INTRUDER. IN THE "PATRIOT" VERSION, THE INTRUDER WAS ALLEGED TO BELONG TO THE "NOTORIOUS" 'SPECIAL SERVICE GROUPS' COMMANDO FORMATION" AND WAS SAID TO HAVE REVEALED DURING INTERROGATION THE CONCENTRATION OF "SSG" COMMANDOS ALONG THE CONTROL LINE, ESPECIALLY OPPOSITE THE GUREZ AND URI SECTORS.

3. COMMENT: THE "NATIONAL HERALD" STORY ADDED THAT THERE WERE SOME FIRING INCIDENTS ON THE BORDER THREE MONTHS AGO. IN FEBRUARY, WE HAD A REPORT FROM A DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE THAT THERE HAD BEEN A CLASH AT THE LINE OF CONTROL NEAR MUZAFFARABAD IN WHICH A DOZEN INDIAN TROOPS WERE KILLED, BUT THIS HAS NEVER BEEN CONFIRMED.

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